

The Mount Zion Spirit

From the Pastor's Desk...

I challenge you to Bless the Lord!

-Psalm 134

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Invite someone to share the Sunday School Experience with You!

We are called to Bless the Lord. But before we can be real in or worship or praise we need to know what we believe, what our missions are, and what we are charged to do. Allow me to share my faith with you.

I thought to share with you what I believe. I believe the bible is the Word of God. I believe the Word of God is true. I believe what we teach at God's Church should be absolute truth. I believe what is taught should be based on truth. Since the Word of God is absolute truth (John 17:17), then it is only reasonable that it be our foundation. I have come to believe that all truth, whether historical, scientific, moral, etc., must be based on God's truth. His truth, as found in the Bible, is absolute and unchanging.

This does not mean that all knowledge is found in the Bible. The Bible instead gives all wisdom necessary to use knowledge. The Bible contains science, history and math but is not a science, history or math book, but when it touches on these subjects it is 100% accurate. Therefore, the Word of God is our filter and instruction manual for what we believe, the word is our methodology and discipline for live. I believe the Bible teaches us to do our best to give glory to our God. I believe it should be the goal of every Christian to carry out God's direction for their lives intellectually, spiritually, physically and socially (Luke 2:52). Therefore, Christian should make every effort to integrate the Scriptures into their lives. Here at Mount Zion we can do this when we take to our heart our Mission, Beliefs and our Charge. Below I identify our Mission, our Belief and our Charge.

MISSION

Here at Mount Zion we choose to embrace this mission: To reach the world one person at a time, by equipping ourselves to recognize and share the sovereignty of God. We pledge to equip ourselves by studying the word of God, give praise to our God and offer true worship to Him. We pledge to develop and strengthen our Faith-based Christian Fellowship. We pledge to be a dynamic resource for our community by preparing ourselves and our children academically, spiritually, and socially to respond to God's call for our lives and thus impact our community for Christ.

OUR BELIEF

I believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. I believe the Scripture of the Old and the New Testaments is the Word of God and is the only rule of faith we will practice. I believe in the doctrine of Election, God chose His people in Christ before the world was founded. I believe that every living creature has sin, so I believe in the doctrine of original sin. I believe in man's inability to recover himself from his sinful condition, by his free will or own ability, because of his sinful nature. I believe I am justified in the sight of God, because of the imputed righteousness of Christ. I believe I am God's elect, called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. I believe I am preserved in Grace by the power of God and cannot fall completely away from God. I believe after conversion one should be baptized by immersion, become willing to commune or remember the suffering of the Lord at the Lord's Table, and submit to serve others by following the example of our Lord by washing the feet of each other's. I believe in resurrection, I will live an eternal life by the power of God. I believe in judgments and punishment of the wicked and the joys of the righteousness. I believe because God has called me to be minister, I have the right to administration of ordinance which are baptism, Communion, Feet washing, to those who are baptized by immersion, called, or come under the spiritual guidelines of the Presbytery. I believe that all baptized saints have a right to Commune with me at the Lord Table. In a nutshell as a Primitive Baptist I believe I am among the greatest and the strongest group of saints.

OUR CHARGE

I believe we have a twenty-four hour, seven-day charge. I identify our charge with Psalm 134. I believe we are called or charged to Bless the Lord. Psalm 134, is the second shortest Psalm in the Bible and in it we are commanded to bless God twice and once told that God will bless us. What is interesting is that the same Hebrew word is used for us blessing God and for God blessing us. Which begs the question, how can I give anything to God that would be considered a blessing? Especially when it says just a few verses later that God is going to give me something that is a blessing.

The question is what will happen when we do take God seriously and worship [bless] him reverently, as he deserves to be worshiped? The "Maker of heaven and earth" will "bless you from Zion" (v. 3). In the Hebrew text the word "praise," as in "Praise the Lord" in verses 1 and 2, is the same word as "bless" in verse 3. So the thought is that if we bless God in our worship, as we must, then God will also bless us abundantly in our daily lives. This is the only ultimate goal of any Christian: to bless God and to be blessed by him – to glorify God and to enjoy him forever."

I challenge you the saints of Mount Zion to not play church or be fooled by your emotions, but understand and take seriously your mission, belief and charge. We are called to Bless the Lord! Be real when you Bless God and God will bless your life. I charge you to do today, no do it right now, go ahead Bless GOD!

In His Service

Mylon L. Burwell

The Nurses Guild of The Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

"Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth."

3 John 1:2

Mt. Zion is getting its Nurses Guild underway, under the leadership of Sister Ernestine Harris.

The members of the guild will be on hand to provide comfort and support during regular service, worship service, funerals and special events. The nurses' guild will be CPR certified and trained in first aid in order to provide first aid care in case of emergencies until medical professionals arrive.

Hosea stated "My people perish for the lack of knowledge." Therefore, the Guild will take every opportunity to teach church members and community about health and wellness issues. The essence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is restoration, not only for the mental and spiritual part of man,

but the physical as well. We will provide tools to help in your physical well-being and aid in a more healthier you.

Be aware of upcoming meeting for members of The Nurses Guild of Mt. Zion. Any interested parties please attend this meeting or contact sis. Ernestine Harris or Elder Mylon Burwell.

-Sister Priscilla Horton



Hypocrites In a Blackout!

By Queena Merrimon

What is a hypocrite? A hypocrite is someone who thinks and says something negative towards someone or something, but does this action himself or herself. What is a black out? There are many terms for blackout, but the one I am talking about has something to do with being in complete total darkness. In other words, "Lights Out" no electricity, just darkness. A blackout is what we all experienced some time ago after the tornados of April 27th, 2011. During the blackout there was of a lot of hypocrisy going on, throughout the area. In one case, a woman was saying how it does not make any sense for anyone to leave

even though the lights are out. They are going to be turned back on in a couple of days. A few days later the women went somewhere else for a while that had electricity. She stayed there until she got word that her lights were back on and the power had been restored to that community. What a hypocrite! How is it that we as people have the nerve to judge others for what they do and say, but low and behold we are doing the same old thing that we so badly talk about, those that we talk about. In Acts 10:42, it says, "And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God

to be the Judge of the quick and dead." This means that we cannot be the judge of how people act and what they say; only God judges those that commit sin.

I think that it is noteworthy to mention, that rather being a hypocrite one should become a leader through Christ. We have been given the gift to choose: Live by the Word; Learn from the Word, and Lead with the Word of God throughout your life. Those that see you leading and respecting others, will think about this the next time they want to be a hypocrite and cause a lot of hypocrisy

TORNADO RELIEF: HELP IS STILL NEEDED

In the weeks that have followed the devastation of tornadoes through North Alabama, assistance for the victims is still needed. People are still cleaning up the places where their homes used to be, many are still displaced and without work. In these times it's when the community must come together and help each other. If you or your group would like to contribute in some way here are some ways to do so...

- 1) American Red Cross, they are still taking monetary donations. You can make a \$10.00 donation by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or text "REDCROSS" to 90999 to make the donation. These donations help to pay for medications, food, clothing, medical supplies, clean-up supplies and funeral cost to those without insurance.
- 2) Salvation Army also taking monetary donations. They are also taking toys for little children, as well as household item, toiletries, and clothing.

- 3) Volunteer your time to help with the clean-up efforts. You can call toll free at 1-888-421-1266 to get more information or contact your local Salvation Army.
- 4) Local area where you can sign you or your group can sign up to volunteer for cleanup efforts are Crosswinds U.M. Church in Harvest, AL or First Baptist Church in Huntsville, AL.
- 5) Conduct a food drive or just donate to food banks. They are continually provided food to families and need to keep the pantry stocked as best they can.
- 6) Habitat for Humanity now accepting applications for home ownership program for tornado victims who had little or no insurance. Contact Jeremy Foulks at 256-533-2282 ext. 115 to apply and get further information.
- 7) Red Cross is in need of volunteers for counseling for those traumatized by the tornadoes. They are seeking the

assistance of psychiatric, social work, counselor services. Contact Katherine Galifianakis, Manager of Mass Care at American Red Cross

galifianakisk@usa.redcross.org

- 8) If you have internet access you can go to alabamapossible.org/2011/04/tornado-relief-how-you-can-help/ to see a list of places you can donate money, time or supplies. Please check listings before you donate to an organization to make sure they are legitimate.
- 9) You can also look up Disaster Relief Operation or Alabama Tornado relief Fund
- 10) Continue watching your local news, church bulletins for fund raising activities that you can attend or take part in for the Alabama tornado Relief fund.

Let us continue to help our community and each other with our donations, our time and our prayers.



Mount Zion would like to Welcome the Following New Members to our Fellowship.

We are excited to have you and Pray that you are enjoying the Worship Experience!

Debra Jefferson
Jasmine Townsend
Kaneesha Townsend
Chelsea Fuqua
Malea Love
Delores Lewis
Vrenda Parham
Alleta Jones

Memphis is On The Horizon!

Mount Zion will be taking a trip to the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel on Saturday, July 30th. If you plan on attending the trip, please sign your name on the signup sheet located in the foyer. The estimated time or departure is 7:00 a.m. with returning to Huntsville by 10:00 p.m. On the morning of the trip, a sack breakfast will be provided.

Permission forms will be given for all children. Children 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

We are asking each adult to turn in their sponsorships as soon as possible. We are as accepting the Adult Admission of \$10.00.

Please be playful that we succeed in our efforts with your support.

LaToya Pugh
Recreation Committee



Everyone is Invited to Join Us for 2nd Sunday Breakfast – Immediately Following Sunday School. We would also like to thank everyone for participating and supporting our Efforts.



VBS 2011

Mount Zion

Primitive Baptist Church



Youth Revival

6:30 p.m. Nightly

Tuesday, July 5

Evangelist

Elder Reginald Johnson

*Pastor, Little Shiloh
Primitive Baptist Church*

Music Ministry

*Little Shiloh Youth
and Young Adult Choir*



Wednesday, July 6

Evangelist

Minister William Malone

*Associate Minister, Morning Star
United Methodist Church*

Music Ministry

Mount Zion Youth Choir



Thursday, July 7

Evangelist

Elder Rodney Corbin

*Pastor New Haven
Missionary Baptist Church*

Music Ministry

*Union Hill CPCA
Youth Choir*



Youth Honors Banquet

Friday, July 8, 6:00 p.m.

**Inspirational
And
Motivational Speakers**

Sister Michelle Joiner

and

Brother Kelvin Jones



Church Picnic

Saturday, July 9

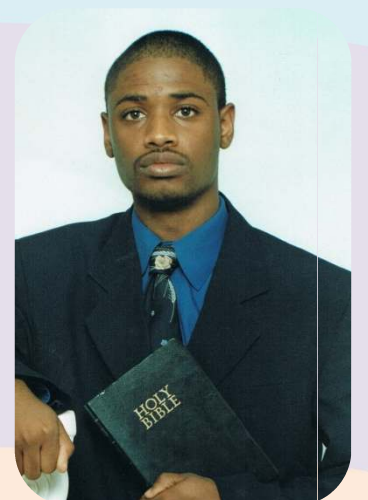


Youth Day

Sunday, July 10

11:00 a.m.

**Youth Day Messenger
Minister Artez Jones**



*On Sunday, July 10, 2011 Everyone is invited to wear Pastels
colors and the Young People are asked to wear Pastel Tops and Black Bottoms*

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Scholastic Achievements

Jakeisha and Jerneisha Lewis had a wonderful second grade year and both girls received perfect attendance awards. Jakeisha made the A/B honor and Jerneisha was a part of the A honor roll, both girls ranked among the highest scorers on the AR Test. Jakeisha has won 3rd place in the Distant Run during the Family Fun Day at their school. Jakeisha and Jerneisha are the daughters of John and Joann Lewis. Breana smile and laugh her way to receiving her schools Best Sense of Humor Award and maintaining place of the A/B honor roll for the entire year. Bre's softball team also were the league champs for their division. She also received that President's National fitness Award. Breana is the daughter of Tyrone and LaShon Jefferson. Miracle Scott is charming and shy young lady with scholastic power. Miracle maintain her spot on the A honor roll at Tanner for the entire school term.

Special Youth Note

Parents Please provide your child's 2010-2011 accomplishments along with a Photo (to be returned) so that we may recognize and honor them during our Youth Awards Banquet.



If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or email addresses recently please provide the information to Sister Burwell. Thank You !!!!

Our Young People Need Your support Please make plans to support Youth week – Today's Youth are your Future Pastors, Teachers, Ushers, Deacons and Mothers.

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JEWELRY, JEWELRY, AND MORE JEWELRY!



*Everyone enjoys Jewelry
and Mount Zion
It is Right at
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and for

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Please Wear Your Shirts Wednesday
Night of the Revival Thank You


Mount Zion Spirit Quarterly Newsletter Calendar: July, August & September 2011

JULY 2011

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
3rd July 5 th – 7 th Youth Revival July 8 th Youth Banquet	10th Sunday School Breakfast Youth Day 	17th 14 th -17 th Women's Congress	24th 30 th Church Trip Black History Museum Memphis TN	31st Morning Praise 8:00 AM

Notes:

AUGUST 2011

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
7TH Fellowship with Stephen @ 3pm 12 th - 14 th Church School Congress	14TH Sunday School Breakfast	21ST	28TH REVIVAL 26 th -28 th Prayer Service 28 th -Sept. 2 nd Preaching Services	

Notes:

SEPTEMBER 2011

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
4th Holy Communion Service	11th Sunday School Breakfast Grandparents' Day, Senior Day & Ushers Celebration Morning Service 10 th Senior Day Outing	18th Association Sunday Worship Service 14 th – 18 th Indian Creek P.B. Association	25th Men's & Women's Day Celebration	

Notes:

My Christian Friends,

Recently I was invited to another church to bear witness to my friend's baptism. She was very eager to invite me; she mentioned her young child would be there to also see her in this action. She said, "I must lead by example." I thought that was very insightful of her event though her child is young. To a child as young as she, she does not understand the action of being dipped in a baptism pool does not guarantee a place in heaven. I forget for a few minutes how modeling behavior can never start to young. The blessing here is that our example to children not just ones born to us but to all, is to be an exemplary model to those who watch us.



My friend was very excited to be baptized, just recently she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. When I found out, we talked and I told her I was so happy she made the choice. My thought was at the time we should not miss opportunities to be a support to a new Christian. Actually we should not miss an opportunity to serve others in the capacity that best represent Jesus. Our responsibility is meeting the needs of others :” He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” Luke 3:11 NKJV 2011.

My hope that not just my friend but also every one of us not miss opportunity to be an example. Let us not take for granted that everyone is watching us. Let us not forget we are being watched by the almighty. Light your light shine in this dark world. Shine the light of the truth that God loves us.

As our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us through his word; “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen” Matt 28:18-20. NKJV 2011. As disciples of Christ we have been given a task to instruct and teach all those that we see and meet about our Lord and the good news of salvation through his Name. It is also our job as part of the body of Christ to help kindle the fires of newness in the hearts of born again Christians and help lead them on the life's journey in this world. Saying you're a Christian is easy, living it day by day is the trial of a lifetime. Place your faith in His hands and follow his commandments and the rewards of Heaven await you!

Peace be unto you

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